

RATE RAISE GIVEN EXPRESS COMPANY

I. C. C. Grants 131-2 Per Cent Increase Over Present Charges.

The nation's bill for transportation again has been increased by the action of the Interstate Commerce Commission in granting the American Railway Express Company a 131-2 per cent rate increase in existing express charges. The increased revenue is estimated by the express company at approximately \$35,000,000.

The raise awarded the company was about one-half that asked, and another application probably will be filed with the commission today, petitioning for authority to increase its rates sufficiently to cover the wage award granted by the Railroad Labor Board, in Chicago, which added \$15,000,000 yearly to the company's pay rolls.

Petition May Be Granted Soon.

The latter petition probably will be granted within a short time by the commission, as a provision of the Esch-Cummings transportation act authorizes the commission to increase rates to cover corresponding increases in pay to the employees. The award granted is to cover an alleged increase in operating expenses the company has suffered, along with the railroads. The petition stated that during the year 1919 the company operated with a deficit of \$22,819,485.25.

Beyond the funds needed to guarantee the express company a fair return on its investment, the representatives of the concern who appeared before the commission argued the imperative need of improving and augmenting equipment and facilities of various kinds, "estimated to involve an expenditure of \$10,000,000."

Articles shipped to Washington by express range from clothing and food to all the smaller packages exchanged between citizens and the military, and citizens from commercial establishments. As an example of the increased rate effect here, the present rate on clothing on Chicago, which is billed first-class express, is \$2.64 per 100 pounds. The increase would bring this rate to about \$3.25 per 100 pounds. The increase would be a little more than 25 cents. As twenty suits can be shipped in a 100-pound express package, the additional rate might add a little more than 1 cent per suit.

Express Rates From Atlanta.

Express rates on fruit from Atlanta, Ga., are \$3.02 per 100 pounds. The higher rates would bring this rate to about \$3.43, an increase of about 41 cents per 100 pounds. This increase might add a little less than 1 cent per box of fruit as the fruit was the commodity considered.

Little milk is shipped into Washington from points near the city, but it comes from points near in Virginia and Maryland. Trucks carry the larger quantity, however, and the express company should not be reflected in an increased cost of that commodity here, officials say.

RETIREMENT FUND GETS FIRST BIG QUOTA TODAY

Large Increment Taken Out of Government Pay Roll for "Rainy Day."

Pay day for the majority of government workers in the city today saw the first large increment taken out of the salaries way of payment to the retirement fund. The retirement fund government printing office had 2 1/2 per cent of their pay deducted, but the number affected then was small compared with the number who contributed today.

No exact sum could be stated today by officials as the total amount constituting the 2 1/2 per cent deduction taken out of the bulk of government salaries in the departments here today. It has been estimated that approximately \$11,000,000 will be contributed by federal employees of the country in the present fiscal year to the retirement fund.

Employees of the Department of Commerce were paid yesterday, but the 2 1/2 per cent of their pay taken out at that time. It is anticipated that some of the bureaus will not be paid until Monday.

Employees at the Washington city post office were paid today, but do not make their first contribution to the retirement fund until August 31.

COL. HERRON SPEAKS.

Patriotic Luncheon Is Held by the Rotary Club.

Col. Leroy Herron, former officer in the District National Guard and overseas veteran, was the principal speaker yesterday afternoon at the patriotic luncheon of the Rotary Club. Preceded by a talk by Col. Herron, the American flag was raised and the Rotarians sang the national anthem. Members stood at attention and saluted. The exercises were held to foster the movement for greater respect to the flag.

William Clabaugh gave a short talk on truthful reports of the income tax. He asked the Rotarians to co-operate in the promotion of truthful reports. Numerous concerns, according to Mr. Clabaugh, throughout the country specialize in schemes to defraud the government on tax returns.

John Barrett, director of the Pan-American Union, has issued an invitation to the club to hold its last meeting of the month in the Pan-American building. This meeting is expected to take the form of a dinner.

"WAFTED" 250 MILES.

First Aero Consignment of Perfume Reaches Washington.

The first perfume ever "wafted" 250 miles arrived at Bolling Field yesterday afternoon from New York, consigned to the Palais Royal and Le Bonheur & Co. Representatives of the firms were on the field to take charge of the consignment. The representative of the Palais Royal took charge of a special casket of perfume for Mrs. Woodrow Wilson.

RECALL MANILA CAPTURE.

War Veterans Commemorate Occupation of Philippines.

MANILA, P. I., August 14.—The twenty-second anniversary of the capture of Manila and American occupation of the Philippines was celebrated here yesterday under auspices of Spanish War Veterans and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Filipino veterans of the revolution, including Gen. Aguinaldo, were invited to join in the exercises.

AWAITS THE FINISH OF PONZI

P. O. Official States Why Fraud Order Was Not Issued.

No fraud order has been issued to date against Charles Ponzi of Boston by the Post Office Department, for the simple reason that inspectors have not yet completed their case against the so-called "financial wizard," according to William H. Lamar, solicitor for the department.

Because satisfactory evidence had not been accumulated against Ponzi was not the reason by Solicitor Lamar for no issuance of a fraud order against Ponzi months ago when postal inspectors in Boston warned the public against the man.

Inspector Mosely Quoted.

According to Associated Press dispatches from Boston, Inspector Mosely is quoted as saying: "We warned hundreds of people against him. Many of them heeded the warning, but undoubtedly there were many who gave their money notwithstanding."

When asked by what authority postal inspectors may issue warnings against a man whom they had not completely investigated and whom no fraud order had been issued, Solicitor Lamar declared emphatically that he would not discuss the case against Ponzi. "You should be satisfied with the explanation given," he said.

Lamar people have the idea. Judge Lamar declared that we can issue a fraud order against a man or firm on suspicion. Nothing is farther from the truth. It can only be done on such satisfactory evidence as will pass court inspection.

Must Be Extremely Careful.

"The department has got to be extremely careful to have the most complete and satisfactory evidence against a man or firm before it can issue a fraud order. Often when publicity is given a case other court proceedings will end the necessity for a fraud order."

The Post Office Department cannot issue a fraud order against a man until it is sure of its case," continued Judge Lamar. He said that the department here has not yet received the evidence in the case of Ponzi, and that it could take no action for a fraud order until the evidence collected by inspectors in Boston has been received and carefully considered here.

Total Business in Coupons.

The Post Office Department has compiled from the annual reports of the international bureau of the Universal Postal Union at Bern, Switzerland, a statement showing that the number of international reply coupons to all countries in the world from 1907 to 1919 was 2,672,550, with a total value of \$1,349,235.

The number of coupons redeemed was 2,973,559, valued at \$498,682.95. The difference between the number of coupons issued and the number redeemed is 321,000, valued at \$52,452.90.

"This fact, and the values of the coupons, and the redemption of the coupons, make Ponzi's alleged dealings in international reply coupons appear ridiculous," said an official.

THIRD FINANCIAL CONCERN IS CLOSED IN PONZI INQUIRY

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eral and state officials made determined efforts to salvage the cargo of millions of dollars entrusted to Ponzi by thousands of investors in his "50 Cent Scheme."

Ponzi ate his breakfast in the Mid-diesex county jail, in East Cambridge, yesterday. He was in the company of other prisoners in default of \$25,000 bonds.

Three officers of the Old Colony foreign exchange company, a rival concern, had their morning meal in the Charles street jail, prisoners of the commonwealth in default of \$50,000 bonds each.

Three Officers Held.

The three officers of the company who were held are Charles M. Bright, well known president and treasurer of the concern; Raymond Meyers, office manager; and Fred Meyers, sales agent. The Meyers brothers and other men were held on technical charges of larceny of \$500 from persons unknown, under representation of Albert Hurwitz, assistant attorney general, that the company's transactions probably would be shown to have amounted to hundreds of thousands of dollars; the bonds were set at a high figure.

Ponzi, whose bondsman surrendered him yesterday to the federal authorities, was confronted with the alternative of remaining in federal custody or, if he could find another bondsman, of being arrested again by the commonwealth under a warrant issued in the municipal court charging him with larceny in fifty-three counts, totaling \$24,000.

It was said that if Ponzi could find another bondsman and elected to face arrest by the state a bond of prohibitive figures would be asked. The authorities were said to be determined that the sensational financier should remain in custody, the principal reason for this being a desire to preserve for his creditors whatever assets he may have and the fear that he might seek to dissipate or transfer them if out on bail. Edwin L. Price, federal auditor of Ponzi's accounts, has placed the latter's known liabilities at \$8,000,000, and Ponzi claimed assets of about \$1,000,000. In this connection Mr. Price said:

"I am inclined to believe that a great deal of money has been deposited in the names of others. The results of a rigorous examination of Ponzi's affairs will speak for themselves."

Referring to the possible transfer of large sums by Ponzi to his wife, Mr. Price said:

"Can Be Taken From Wife."

"It can be taken away from her, and it will be. It does not belong to her. It is money that was obtained under fraudulent pretenses, to be used for fraudulent purposes. In going after the money, we shall reach the large amount transferred to or deposited in the name of Mrs. Ponzi."

The second of the two petitions that have been filed to have Ponzi adjudged bankrupt was pending in the federal court today. The three latest petitions, holders of Ponzi's notes for a total of \$2,625, asked that the partners of Ponzi, namely, John S. Bondonio of Medford and Guglielmo Bertolotti of Parma, Italy, also be adjudged bankrupt.

A petition for a receiver to administer Ponzi's affairs also has been filed by creditors.

Examination of the books of the Hanover Trust Company, which was Ponzi's chief depository and in which he was a stockholder and director, was continued today by members of Bank Commissioner Allen's staff. Mr. Allen, who closed the Hanover Trust Company last Wednesday, in a statement intended to reassure depositors in that institution and in other trust companies, said:

"Nothing has developed so far to lead me to believe that the depositors will lose one dollar. The Hanover Trust Company is the only trust company in New England that is involved in Ponzi's failure."

Run on Trust Companies.

The financial district was concerned yesterday when a small run was made on several trust companies, due

PONZI, "WIZARD OF FINANCE," UNDER ARREST IN BOSTON.



CHARLES PONZI, head of the securities exchange company (carrying case), is shown under arrest, being taken from the federal building in Boston, where he had just been released on \$25,000 bail on a charge of using the United States mail to defraud, through Post office Square, the Boston court house, where he was released on \$10,000 bail on a charge of larceny. He has since been surrendered by his bondsman and placed in jail.

It was said, to reports that other financial institutions would be involved in Ponzi's affairs. There was no indication today of a continuance of withdrawals in other than normal quantities.

Mr. Allen has caused the state seal to be placed on all safe deposit boxes of the Hanover Trust Company used by Ponzi or officers or employees of the bank. He said this was done as a precaution against the possible removal of securities or other valuables pending the settlement of the institution's affairs.

The attorney general's office has been engaged in a study of the legal statutes to determine whether action may be taken to compel all persons who had cashed their notes on Ponzi, matured and unmatured, to turn the money back into a common fund for equal distribution among all noteholders.

Mrs. Ponzi Informed of Arrest.

LEXINGTON, Mass., August 14.—Mrs. Charles Ponzi sat in the drawing room of her home in Lexington last night, entertaining visitors, unaware that her husband had been arrested by postal inspectors and taken to jail. To her guests she apologized for his absence, saying that he had telephoned her that he was staying in Boston for the night, as he had to go over his books with an auditor.

"The friends who had called to comfort her in her trouble found her smiling and reiterating her confidence in her husband, and said, 'He is honest, and I will stay by him to the end.'"

Her friends went away without disclosing the truth.

At Cambridge jail Ponzi was permitted to telephone to the guards stationed about his house. He instructed them to allow no one to enter the premises and to keep all newspapers away from the house.

Agency Is Closed.

PHILADELPHIA, August 14.—Simultaneously with the arrest of the officials of the Old Colony Foreign Exchange Company in Boston, detectives of the commonwealth in this city closed the office of an agency for the Boston concern which was preparing to do business in the local market.

Joseph H. Seaman, who is said to have been in charge of the local agency, and who accompanied them, are being detained pending advices from Boston.

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TURKEY HOLDS MOURNING DAY OVER PEACE TREATY

Newspapers Appear With Black Borders, and Flags Are Draped in Black.

CONSTANTINOPLE, August 12.—Today was designated here as a day of mourning in Turkey because of the alleged unfavorable character of the Turkish peace treaty. The observance had been poorly advertised and was not general.

In Constantinople the street cars were stopped for five minutes at noon, newspapers appeared with black borders and a few flags were displayed draped in black. Some of the shop windows, decorated in black, displayed newspapers in which the "harshness" of the treaty was denounced.

One journal said: "It is always darkest just before dawn." The censorship is so strict, however, that the newspapers were unable to print a frank statement of Turkish opinion. It is said to hold that the bolshevik will assist in nullifying the treaty.

Damir Ferid Pasha, the grand vizier and foreign minister, whose illness several days ago was believed to be slight, is known to be seriously ill from a nervous collapse, and he has been unable to sign papers of receive callers.

PULPIT TO BE DEFENDED.

Three Deacons Would Oust Mount Nebo Baptist Minister.

Justice Hitz of the District Supreme Court next Wednesday will hear the controversy over the pastorate of Mount Nebo Baptist Church, colored, Rev. Thomas Hall, the pastor, has filed an answer to the injunction proceedings brought by three deacons of the church to prevent him from performing the duties of pastor. The claim that he had been deposed by vote. The pastor denies that he is deposing the officers and declares that by his efforts the congregation has been built up from twenty to nearly two hundred members. He also has contributed money toward the maintenance of the church, he says, and should not be deprived of his right to preach.

John Stewart, treasurer of the church, also filed an answer in which he declared that Rev. Hall is the duly elected pastor of the church and has never been lawfully removed.

JENKINS TO REPORT HERE.

Former U. S. Consular Agent in Mexico Prepares for Trip.

MEXICO CITY, August 14.—William O. Jenkins, former United States consular agent at Puebla, Mexico, soon will visit the United States for the purpose of reporting to the government on his alleged kidnapping by Federico Cordoba, the Mexican bank robber, according to a dispatch from Puebla.

The Mexican supreme court has decided that the Jenkins case comes under the jurisdiction of the Puebla district court. Jenkins is charged with perjury.

MISSISSIPPI EDITOR DIES.

COLUMBUS, Miss., August 14.—Fercy W. Maer, editor of the Columbus Dispatch, died suddenly in his newspaper office. He was prominent in state politics, and in 1914 was appointed by President Wilson to the office of collector of customs at the port of Mobile, serving four years. Mr. Maer was fifty-one years of age.

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Proposed 50-Cent Haircut and 25-Cent Shave Meets Opposition.

A split in the ranks of the Barbers' Union is expected if an effort of certain members to increase the prices of haircuts and shaves is carried out. Some shops are charging 50 cents for a haircut and 20 cents for a shave, while others are charging 40 cents and 20 cents respectively.

Certain members of the union are endeavoring to have the union set prices set at 25 cents for shave and 50 cents for a haircut. It is their contention that although they might lose some of their trade, which would put some of the non-union shops in a better position to get the same revenue by reason of the increased prices.

Opposition Is Explained.

The other members of the union, who are opposing the increase in the prices, contend that the prices now in operation should remain. "We feel that the prices should not be increased, as we are making a good living at the present rates," said a member of the union. "The prices are increased it would mean that the union shops would lose much of their present trade. The people will not stand for a boost. During the war, when it was hard to get supplies and when we did get them they were high in price, it was all right to increase the prices if we were to make a profit."

He said also that there are still some shops in the northwest and southeast sections of the city that are charging the war prices of 25 and 50 cents, and that it is these shops that are urging the union to set the scale to those prices.

It is reported the men who are urging the higher scale took a vote and were in favor of the higher prices. The other members, however, also took a vote and decided that the 20 and 40 cent scale should continue.

Advance Is Urged.

A prominent official of the Barbers' Union was in Washington several days ago and discussed the matter with the federal government. He said the scale should be on the 25 and 50 cent basis, which, he explained, is prevailing in Chicago and throughout the west. The men who are urging the lower scale contend that they will fight for their scale. A preliminary meeting of this fact will be held next week. It is expected a vote on the scale will be taken some time within the next two weeks.

HYATTSVILLE.

date a total of \$35,091 has been raised in the drive for \$50,000 to build a new church, school and hall, being conducted by the congregation of St. Jerome's Catholic Church here, announces former Mayor Matthew F. Halloran, manager of the campaign.

Monday evening, for the benefit of the fund, children of the church will give a lawn party on the church lawn. A meeting will be held next Wednesday night, when the campaign committee will report on the progress of the campaign. Everything is in readiness for the opening tonight of the carnival of Snyder of Farmer Post, American Legion, of this place, on the Washington-Baltimore boulevard on the site of the recent Old Fellows' carnival just a short distance from the railroad station. A long list of attractions, including dancing, amusement of all kinds, and numerous other interesting attractions, have been arranged. The carnival chairman is Capt. J. Moses Edlavitch, and the Women's Legion, Hyattsville chapter, is co-operating.

The entertainment committee of the Hyattsville fire department, Robert A. King, chairman, is making plans for the annual Labor day picnic and outing of the department. Athletic events, other contests and various amusements are planned.

A heat insulated handle enables a new electrical Tying pan to be held in the hand while cooking food.

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—from the Green Meadow and the Green Forest, to do weekly stunts in the four-page Colored Comic Section of

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